

a barrel forming an axial fluid pathway therethrough, said barrel having a top end and a bottom end, said barrel forming a lower outwardly tapered section having at least one substantially planar section;

at least one slip movably connected to said substantially planar section of said tapered section for selectively engaging an interior portion of a tubular member;

a moving mechanism functionally connected between said slips and said barrel for moving said slips in engaging contact with and from said tubular member.

an upper sleeve movably disposed about an upper section of said barrel;

a lower sleeve movably disposed about a lower section of barrel; [and]

wherein a portion of said moving mechanism is connected to said upper and lower sleeve

and said slips[.]; and

gripping members connected to said slip.

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15 24. (Twice Amended) A tubular running tool connectable to a drilling rig assembly for inserting and selectively, internally gripping a tubular member/string, said tubular running tool comprising:

a barrel forming an axial fluid pathway therethrough, said barrel having a top end and a bottom end, said barrel forming a lower outwardly tapered section having at least one substantially planar section;

[a sleeve movably disposed about a portion of said barrel;]

at least one slip movably connected to said substantially planar section of said tapered section for selectively engaging an interior portion of a tubular member;

[a moving mechanism functionally connected between said slip and said sleeve for moving said slips in engaging contact with and from said tubular member; and,]